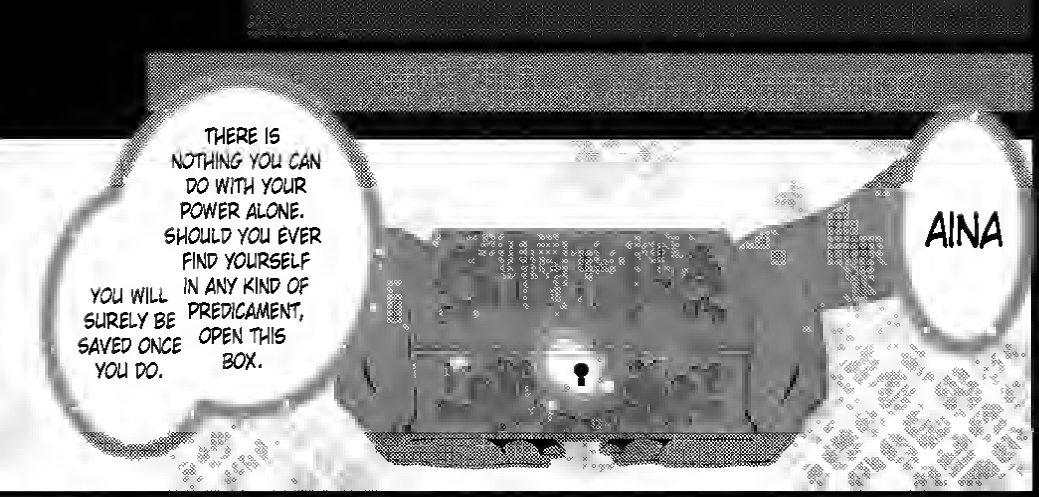
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THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR POWER ALONE. SHOULD YOU EVER FIND YOURSELF IN ANY KIND OF PREDICAMENT, OPEN THIS BOX.
YOU WILL SURELY BE SAVED ONCE YOU DO.

NOW LISTEN CLOSELY, YOU ARE TO NEVER JOKINGLY OPEN THIS BOX.
THIS IS MY LAST MAGIC SPELL THAT WILL ONLY WORK ONCE.

MAMA

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WILL YOU REALLY BE ALL RIGHT BY YOURSELF? THERE ARE USUALLY 6 PEOPLE WHO HEAD DOWN TO THE SURFACE..
WELL IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANY CHOICE SEEING AS HOW EVERYONE ELSE CAUGHT COLDS
.....
03
WHA-WHAT? YOU SAYING YOU WANT TO PUT OFF OUR SEARCH?
WE'LL BE FINE EVEN IF IT'S JUST ME!
I'LL SHOW YOU THE RESULTS OF MY TRAINING!
HUHU, I SEE YOU ARE DETERMINED... I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT YOU CAN DO.
The Hill of the Violent Gale
AND WE'VE... LANDED

LOOK OUT!
04
SO WE'VE ALREADY GOT A WELCOME PARTY, HUH
I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

IF THIS WAS JUST A RECON MISSION!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT WOULD BE BORING
MY~ SO YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU TRY!

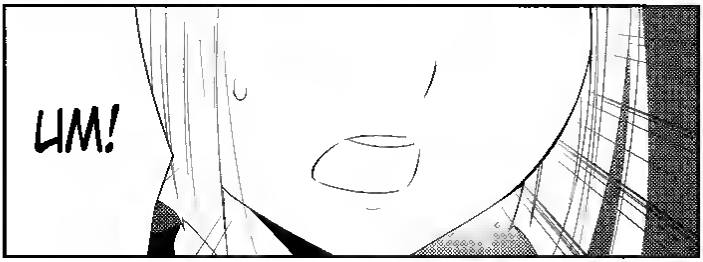
HOLD ON, YOU'RE GIVING YOURSELF THE CREDIT FOR THIS?! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME A LITTLE PRAISE HERE?!
JUST WHAT I EXPECTED OF MY COACHING YOU
I CAN SENSE THAT SOMEONE IS HERE...
OH MY?
WHAT IS IT?
THIS IS STRANGE
REALLY-?!
ISN'T THE SURFACE SUPPOSED TO BE UNINHABITA-BLE?
THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE ON THE SURFACE FOR LONG PERIODS THAT'S THE REASON WHY LITHOS WAS CREATED...

SO... IT'S EITHER ANOTHER DRAGON RIDER WHO CAME TO SEARCH THE SURFACE OR SOMONE ELSE, HUH...
MAYBE OVER HERE?
UWHA-?!
KYAAA!!

YOU ARE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?
ARE YOU PERHAPS A WARRIOR WHO HAS STRAYED FROM THE OTHER DRAGON RIDERS?
YO-YOU SCARED THE HELL OUT OF ME
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SCARING ME LIKE THAT?!
HUHE?
ARE THESE TWO... DRAGON RIDERS FROM LITHOS?!
MY NAME IS AINA...
AH, YES...
I THOUGHT SO! WHAT NATION ARE YOU FROM? WE ARE FROM SOLEIL
HMMMM...
UMMM... I-I AM, TOO...

OI, CAN'T YOU TELL THAT YOU'RE SCARING HER!
EH? I'M ONLY QUESTIONING HER AS ANYONE ELSE WOULD

MY, WHAT A COINCIDENCE, WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR DIVISION?
EH, UMMM...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THE DIVISION I WAS ASSIGNED TO HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY MONSTERS AND THEY ARE IN REAL TROUBLE NOW
I SEE THAT YOU ARE A HIGH RANKING DRAGON RIDER...
COULD I PLEASE ASK THAT YOU SAVE MY DIVISION?!

Cave
THEY ARE IN HERE...
A HIGH RANKING DRAGON RIDER, HUH... EHEHE
.....
AMAZING, OUR SURROUNDINGS HAVE BECOME SO MUCH BRIGHTER!
AH! A CRYSTAL! LET'S TAKE IT WITH US
WE CAN DO THAT LATER, D'ARGENT
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR US TO DO NOW IS TO LEAVE THIS PLACE AND SAVE HER COMRADES

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, AINA?
AH, YES!
THEY ARE JUST A BIT FURTHER UP AHEAD
YES, JUST A BIT FURTHER...
JUST A BIT FURTHER AND WE WILL MAKE IT TO THAT PLACE
!?

A CYCLOPS!
QUICK! HIDE OVER THERE!
SO HE'S THE ONE WHO GOT AINA'S COMRADES ...
THERE IS NO TELLING IF EVEN D'ARGENT CAN DEFEAT IT OR NOT...
THIS IS.. A RATHER FORMIDABLE OPPOPENT.
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
I'LL BE SURE TO BEAT HIM AND SAVE YOUR COMRADES!

D'ARGENT
...
DARYAAAA!!

HE DID IT!
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NOT YET!
UWHOA!!
THAT WAS CLOSE
D' ARGENT!!

I'LL BE FINE!
I'LL KEEP HIM BUSY SO GO ON AHEAD AND SAVE YOUR COMRADES!
RI... RIGHT!
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I'LL GO THIS WAY SO BE CAREFUL, ALL RIGHT?
MAMA...
MAMA
CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I'VE
COME BACK ...

KUU! HE'S STRONG ...
IF I HAD MY COMRADES WITH ME, I...
?

NAH!
I COULD TAKE SOMEONE LIKE HIM ALL BY...
MYSELF?
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UWA AAAA
D'ARGENT!!!

HONESTLY, YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR WITS ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW!
SO-SORRY, SORRY ...

AH!
HEY, SHURUN...
IS THERE REALLY ANYBODY IN THIS CAVE?
AINA! YOU OKAY?!
YOUR COMRADES AREN'T HERE, YOU KNOW

DID YOU ONLY JUST FIGURE THAT OUT NOW? WHAT AN IDIOT YOU ARE!
!?
THAT'S RIGHT!
MY MOTHER AND I ARE "BRANDED WARRIORS" ...
WE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN EXILED FROM LITHOS AND FORCED TO LIVE ON THE SURFACE!

IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE
EX ...
EXILED?
IF ONE WERE TO COLLECT CRYSTALS... AND ABSORB THEM BY MIXING THEM INTO THEIR FOOD ...
THEN ONE WOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE ON THE SURFACE TO SOME DEGREE...
CAN ANYONE LIVE ON THE SURFACE?!
AND TO THE SURFACE ...
IT'S THE SAME AS YOU PEOPLE FROM LITHOS KILLING HER YOURSELVES...
MY MOTHER WAS UNABLE TO BEAR LIVING HERE AND DIED
YOU MAY HAVE FOUGHT FOR MY SAKE, BUT
YOU CAN ALL DIE FOR ALL I CARE!!
ひっ...

AINA, BEHIND YOU!!
HURRY UP AND RUN!
D'A... D' ARGENT!
UWAAA-!!

THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR POWER ALONE. SHOULD YOU EVER FIND YOURSELF IN ANY KIND OF PREDICAMENT-
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OPEN THIS BOX
MAMAAA !!!
!?
THA-THAT'S A-?!

AINA...
I GIVE YOU MY LAST MAGIC SPELL
MY DRAGON ...
THIS IS...
MAMA'S DRAGON?

A BLIZZARD DRAGON ?!
!!
D' ARGENT
I'M ON IT!

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THE END
FOR
YOU!!
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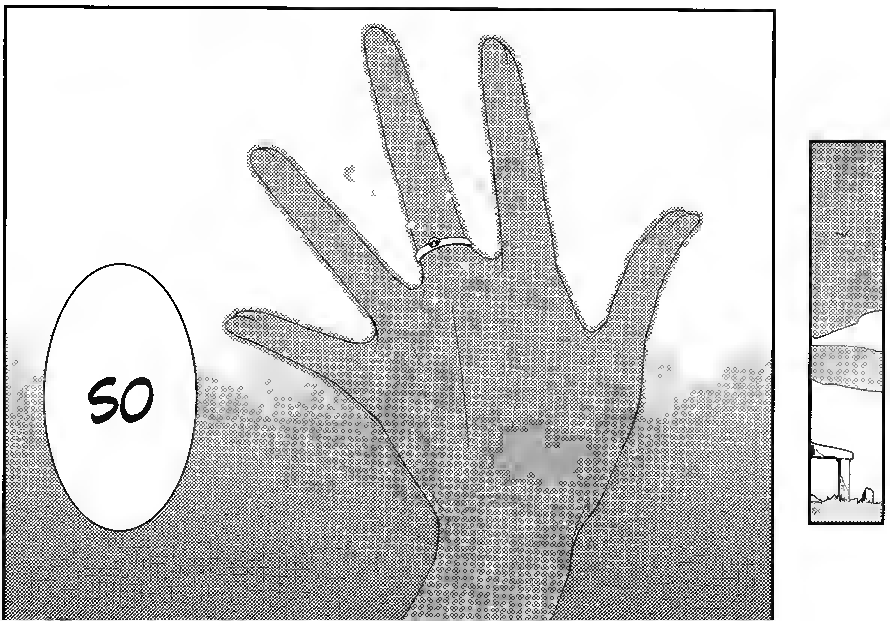
YOU DID IT!
JUST WHAT I EXPECTED OF MYSELF!
HUU
LIKE I SAID, PRAISE ME ALREADY!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HUUUH ?!
I SAID I WAS SORRY ALREADY! I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS A CHANCE YOU WOULD HELP ME IF I SAID THAT IT WAS ONLY FOR GETTING THIS BACK!

ALL THAT TALK ABOUT YOUR DIVISION BEING CAPTURED WAS A BIG FAT LIE AND ALL YOU REALLY WANTED WAS TO GO AND GET THAT TREASURE CHEST BACK?
YE-YEAH
I ALSO LIED ABOUT BEING FROM SOLEIL, TOO

AAAH- AND AFTER I WAS SO PASSIONATE ABOUT SAVING YOUR COMRADES... I FEEL SO EMBARRASSED!
LIWAAA
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THAT RING YOUR MOTHER LEFT BEHIND... HAS MAGIC WITHIN IT THAT MAKES ANYONE WHO WEARS IT THE MASTER OF THAT DRAGON

HEY
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FROM NOW ON?
IF YOU WOULD LIKE, YOU COULD COME WITH US TO LITHOS...
D' ARGENT
IT'S UNFORTUNATE BUT BRANDED WARRIORS CANNOT RETURN TO LITHOS...

WE'LL PROTECT YOU WHILE WE'RE ON THE SURFACE, SO
LET'S LOOK FOR ARCARDIA TOGETHER, AINA
THE-THEN, HOW ABOUT WE LET HER JOIN OUR DIVISION? WE CAN AT LEAST DO THAT, RIGHT?!
THAT'S TRUE...
HEY, MAMA
D' ARGENT ...
ALL RIGHT!
IS THIS YOUR MAGIC, TOO?

I'LL COME BACK AGAIN, MAMA
TO THAT PLACE WHERE ALL OUR MEMORIES ARE-
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